

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Ocean City Baptist Church Inventory Number: WO-338
Address: NW Corner of Baltimore Avenue and North Division Street Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Ocean City Zip Code: 21842 County: Worcester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Ocean City
Property Owner: Ocean City Baptist Church Tax Account ID Number: 028809
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 4022 Tax Map Number: 110
Project: Bridge 2300700, US 50 over Sinepuxent Bay Bridge Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: KCI Technologies, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Sandra Scaffidi Date Prepared: 9/30/2005
Documentation is presented in: Ocean City Baptist Church, MIHP No. WO-338; Ocean City Survey District, MIHP No. WO-412
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Located on the northwest corner of Baltimore Avenue and North Division Street, the Ocean City Baptist Church was originally built for the Presbyterian Church circa 1909. The rectangular frame church is supported by a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation with aluminum siding covering the exterior of the building. The east (main) elevation of the church has a protruding front gable vestibule and an asphalt shingle roof. The church has undergone numerous changes since it was first constructed almost 100 years ago. Historic photographs indicate that the architectural style and massing of the church has changed substantially, changing the pitch of the roof, removing a square bell tower and adding a cupola to the roof of the structure.

The Ocean City Baptist Church is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Although the church was originally a part of the early twentieth century religious movement in Ocean City (Criterion A), the structure no longer resembles its original form. The resource does not appear to be associated with any person of local, regional or national significance (Criterion B). The structure has been altered which compromises its historic and architectural integrity (Criterion C). Additionally, it does not appear to possess the potential to yield additional significant historical information (Criterion D).

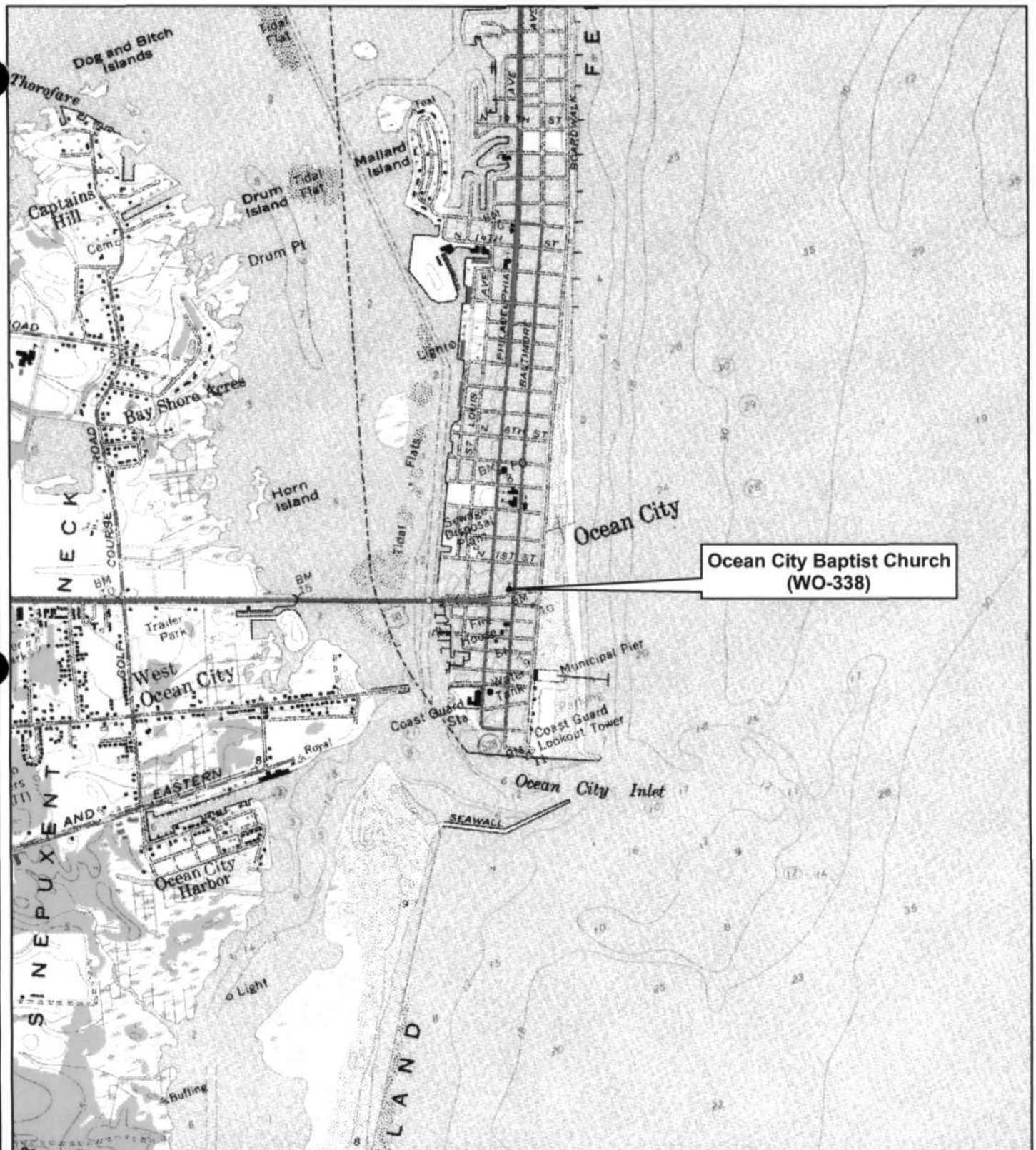
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

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MHT Comments:

Jim Tanlunas ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
B. Kuntze
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/20/06
Date
6/29/06
Date

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Ocean City Baptist Church
(WO-338)

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Feet



Ocean City Baptist Church

Bridge No. 2300700
US 50 over Sinepuxent Bay
Worcester County, MD

Source: Ocean City, MD
USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
(1964)





Baltimore AVE

TO
ONCOMING
TRAFFIC

ONLY

BAPTIST

WO-412, WO-338

Ocean City Baptist Church, Ocean City Survey District

Worcester County, Maryland

Sandra Scaffidi

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MD SHPO

Facing west, South and east elevations, Ocean City Baptist Church

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WO-338
Ocean City Baptist Church
Ocean City
Public worship

c. 1900

The Ocean City Baptist Church was erected originally for the Presbyterian congregation that formed in the resort town around the turn of the century. The single story frame church was supported by a raised concrete block foundation, and early photographs of the building indicate a tower formerly rose on the southeast corner. Decorative fish-scale shingles once covered the tower as well as the east gable end. Currently aluminum siding and later additions disguise the original appearance of the church.

The Sinepuxent Beach Company of Baltimore City sold to the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Buckingham a corner lot in Ocean City in 1895 for \$100. Located at the corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue, the lot was improved within the next decade with the main block of the current church. The Presbyterians held the title to this downtown property until the early 1960s when it was transferred to the Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Ocean City Baptist Church

MHT Inventory Number: WV-338

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RELIGION

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial / Urban dominance
(1870-1930)

- 4) Resource Type(s):

Standing structure

1. Church

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-338

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OCEAN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

and/or common OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number NW Corner of Baltimore Ave. and N. Division St. not for publication

city, town Ocean City vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ocean City Baptist Church

street & number Baltimore Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1387

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 175

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ocean City Baptist Church occupies a raised single story frame building that stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and North Division Street in the center of Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The church faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1909, the rectangular frame church is supported by a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising atop the main block is a domed cupola. Attached to the front of the church is a slightly shorter single story vestibule with a twin stair providing access to the front door.

The sides of the church are pierced a rows of replacement windows, and the back of the original building is covered by later additions.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. W0-338

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ocean City Baptist Church was originally erected for the Presbyterian congregation that organized around the turn of the century. The single story early twentieth century structure was built on a raised concrete block foundation, however most original exterior finishes have been obscured with later additions or modern materials.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Sinepuxent Beach Company of Baltimore City sold to the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Buckingham a corner lot in 1895 for \$100.(FHP 5/630) Located at the corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue, the lot was improved within the next decade with a single story frame church raised on a high block foundation. Historic photographs of the building indicate a tower formerly rose on the southeast corner, and decorative fish-scale shingles covered the tower and the front gable of the main block.

The Presbyterians held onto this downtown property until the early 1960s when it was transferred to the Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland (FWH 167/323).

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OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Baltimore Avenue
Chain of title

1387/175

Baptist Church Extension Society
of Maryland, Inc.

to

10/28/1987

Ocean City Baptist Church

Lot #10, block #14 N
Plat recorded FHP 1/550

FWH 167/323

First Presbyterian Church of
Ocean City

to

6/17/1963

Baptist Church Extension Society
of Maryland, Inc.

ODC 7/14

Committee of the Presbyterian Church
of Buckingham of Berlin, Maryland

to

4/13/1910

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City

FHP 5/630

Sinepuxent Beach Co. of Baltimore City

to

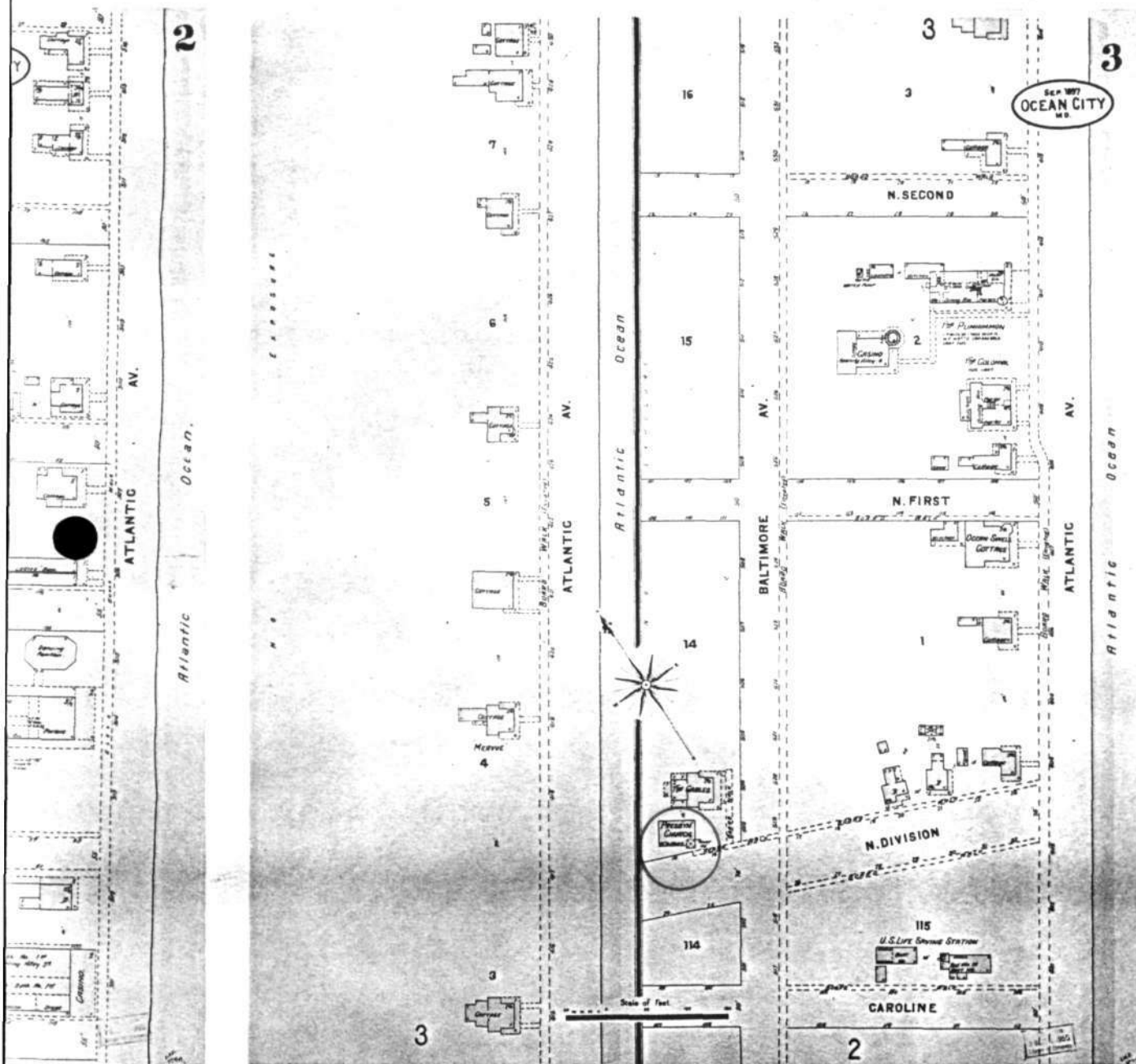
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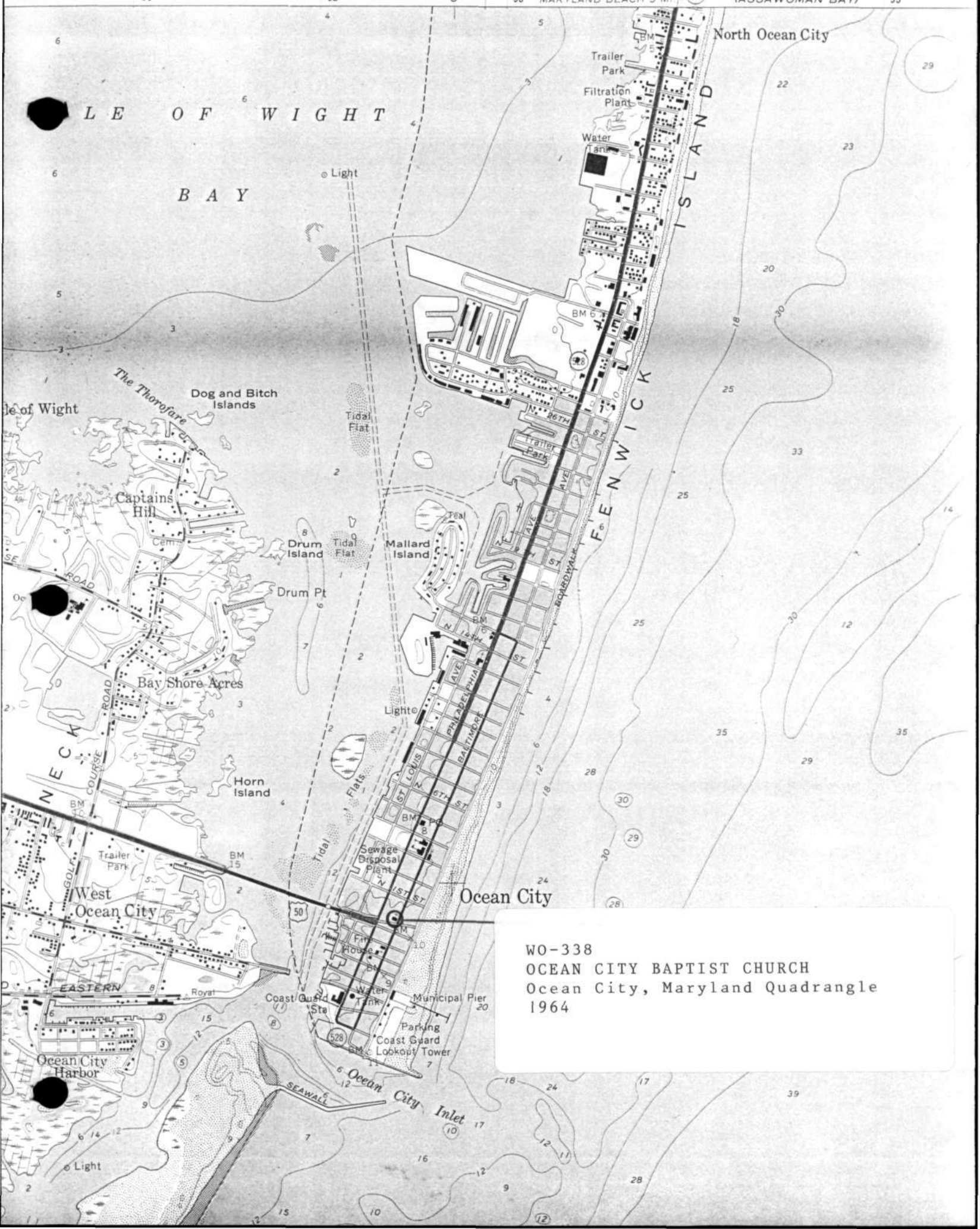
Committee of the Presbyterian Church
of Buckingham, Berlin, Maryland
\$100

1897 SANBORN INSURANCE MAP

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OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH





WO-338
OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle
1964